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Re:	USSN10/707,590	CC:	Robert L. Wheeler; Walter Crowley

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Dear Examiner Wright:

In response to the final office action mailed March 2, 2005, we enclose the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated March 3, 2005 (2 pages); and
- 2) Amendment AF with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) (7 pages).

Very respectfully,

Ronald E. Smith
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/707,590 Confirmation No.: 1589
Applicants: : Robert L. Wheeler
: Walter Crowley
Filed: : 12/23/2003
Art Unit : 3617
Examiner : Andrew D. Wright

Docket No. : 1027.02
Customer No. : 21901
For : Self-Generating Air Cushion Vessel

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicants are independent inventors.

EXTENSION OF TERM

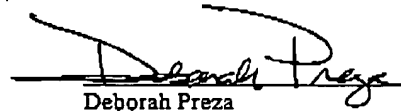
3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

(37 C.F.R. 1.8(a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment AF, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Claims and Remarks, is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Group Art Unit 3617, Attn: Mr. Andrew D. Wright. (703) 872-9327 on March 9, 2005.

Dated: December 7, 2004


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FEE FOR CLAIMS

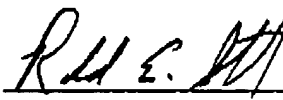
4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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No additional fee for claims is required.

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AMENDMENT AF

Introductory Comments

Sir:

In response to the final Examiner's Action mailed 03/02/2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 06/02/2005, the above-identified patent application is amended a second time as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.